

Sec. 2. Effective Date. This Act amending Article 12.01 shall be effective May 1, 1968.

Sec. 3. Saving Clause. The repeal of any law by this Act shall not affect or impair any act done or obligation, right, license, permit or penalty accrued or existing under the authority of the law repealed; and such law shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper action concerning any such obligation, right, license, permit or penalty. Taxes incurred under any law repealed by this Act are an obligation within the meaning of this Section. In addition, any permit or license obtained under any law repealed by this Act shall remain effective for the term and under the conditions prescribed by the repealed law under which the permit or license was granted or issued.

Sec. 4. Severability. If any portion of this Act or the application thereof to any person, case or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

Sec. 5. Emergency. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and the Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after May 1, 1968, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 8, 1967, by a non record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1967, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 8, 1967.

Effective May 1, 1968.

TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION—RULES— PUBLICATION

CHAPTER 360

H. B. No. 177

An Act relating to publication of new rules and amendments of rules by the Texas Water Rights Commission; amending Article 7531, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended; repealing Article 7475, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Article 7531, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 356, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, is amended²⁹ to read as follows:

"Article 7531. Rules

"Section 1. The Texas Water Rights Commission shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations, including modes of procedure, not in conflict with this chapter, for the performance of the duties, powers and functions prescribed and vested in it by this chapter, and for the enforcement of its provisions, and shall have a seal, the form of which it shall prescribe. All such rules and regulations made for the administration of

²⁹ Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 7531, §§ 1, 2.

this chapter shall be binding upon all persons affected by such provisions. The rules and regulations shall be printed, and copies shall be furnished to all interested persons upon application therefor, provided, that the commission, at its discretion, may make a reasonable charge therefor. No amendment of an existing rule or no new rule is effective until at least 30 days have expired since the date a copy of the new or amended rule was filed with the secretary of state.

"Section 2. Full authority is hereby given the commission to enforce by injunction, mandatory injunction or other appropriate remedy, in the courts of competent jurisdiction, any and all reasonable rules and regulations promulgated by it, which are not in conflict with this chapter, and all of the terms and conditions, which are not in conflict with this chapter, contained in declarations of appropriations (certified filings) and in permits to appropriate water heretofore granted and which may hereafter be granted by it, under authority of law."

Sec. 2. Article 7475, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, is repealed.³⁰

Sec. 3. The necessity for reducing inordinate cost to the commission when it is required to publish its rules in three separate newspapers; the disparity between what is required of this commission and what is required of other regulatory commissions; the importance of this legislation; and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and the Rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 12, 1967, by a non record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1967: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 8, 1967.

Effective Aug. 28, 1967, 90 days after date of adjournment.

COUNTY AUDITORS—AUTOMOBILE MILEAGE EXPENSES

CHAPTER 361

H. B. No. 188

An Act relating to automobile mileage expenses for county auditors; amending Title 34, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, by adding a new Article 1650a; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Title 34, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, is amended by adding³¹ a new article to read as follows:

"Article 1650a. Mileage expenses

"The commissioners court may reimburse the county auditor for expenses incurred in traveling to and from the county seat in his personal automobile to perform his official duties and to attend conferences and seminars relating to the performance of his official duties. However, the commissioners court may not reimburse the auditor for expenses incurred in traveling between his personal residence and county office, or for expenses incurred in any other travel of a personal nature. The

30. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 7475 repealed. 31. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 1650a.